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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A thread stretching device for a weaving machine, especially an air jet weaving machine, includes a thread gripper (22) for gripping the weft thread (10) as a device for stretching a weft thread inserted into a shed. A mechanism (23) for deflecting the weft thread is arranged upstream of the thread gripper, relative to the weft thread transport direction.